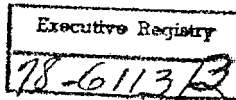


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Unclassified Intelligence Publications

I am pleased we were able to work out mutually agreeable arrangements this morning with regard to publication of unclassified intelligence analyses and information. I would like, however, to offer you my views with respect to your memorandum of this date. In particular, there has never been any notion either here or at the Department of State to impinge on the absolute independence of the Intelligence Community in the preparation of its analysis. As we discussed in today's meeting, our concern instead pertains to your publication of unclassified or sanitized intelligence analyses for use by the general public. Such analyses are inevitably regarded by the public and by foreign governments as having the sanction and approval of the U.S. Government, including the President. It is, therefore, important that when consideration is being given to publication of an unclassified intelligence study, that the implications of this action for foreign policy are taken into account through a process in which the interested agencies participate. I believe the arrangement we established today accomplished this.

I am glad we resolved this issue to everyone's satisfaction.

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David Aaron
Deputy Assistant to the President
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